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Official meetings

Wednesday, 18 March 2015

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction

Main Committee

09:00 — 2nd meeting — Tachibana Hall

Plenary

10:00 — 9th plenary meeting [webcast] — Exhibition Hall 2[1]

1. Other matters [item 12]

   Report by the Chairs of the ministerial round tables

   Report of the Chairs of the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

2. Credentials of representatives to the Conference: Report of the Credentials Committee (A/CONF.224/4) [item 7 (b)]

3. Adoption of the final outcomes of the Conference [item 11]

4. Adoption of the report of the Conference (A/CONF.224/L.5) [item 13]

   Closure of the Conference

[1] Exhibition Hall 1, the Main Hall and Hagi Hall will serve as overflow rooms.

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Announcements

Credentials

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For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is available on the conference website (please *click here*).

Summary of official meetings

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[archive video]

7th plenary meeting *General exchange of views* [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by His Excellency Jayeshwar Raj Dayal, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, Disaster and Beach Management of Mauritius; His Excellency Henri Djombo, Minister of Forest Economy and Sustainable Development of the Congo; His Excellency Paousman Jarju, Minister of Environment,

Climate Change, Water and Wild Life of the Gambia; His Excellency Wilbur Heine, Minister in Assistance to the President of the Marshall Islands; Her Excellency Kadiatu N'Diaye, Minister in charge of Environment, Water and Forest of Guinea; His Excellency Hilary Obaloker Onek, Minister for Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees of Uganda; His Excellency Ratu Inoke Kubuabola, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Fiji; Mr. Teimuraz Murgulia, First Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia; the representatives of Nicaragua, Benin, Ireland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Papua New Guinea.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, the International Labour Organization, the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, the Council of Europe, the Economic Community for Central African States, the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, the Secretariat of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme, the International Committee of the Red Cross, the League of Arab States, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, the World Health Organization and the East African Community.

The Conference thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 9.

8th plenary meeting

General exchange of views [item 8]

The Conference continued its general exchange of views under agenda item 8.

The Conference heard statements by Her Excellency Nicole Angeline Zan Yelemou, Minister of Social Action and National Solidarity of Burkina Faso; His Excellency Eugene Serufuli, Minister for Rural Development of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; His Excellency Guy Maixent Mamiaka, Vice-Minister of Interior of Gabon; the representatives of Jordan, Canada, Belgium, Libya, Haiti, Finland, Afghanistan and Colombia; His Excellency Milton Henriquez, Minister of Government of Panama; the representatives of Sierra Leone, Lesotho, the Cook Islands, Denmark, Uruguay, Barbados, Guyana and Palau.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 8.

Statements by intergovernmental and other organizations [item 9]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 9.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations University and the Gulf Cooperation Council; the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; the representatives of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, the World Meteorological Organization, the International Telecommunication Union, the International Hydrographic Organization, the Intergovernmental Authority on Development, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Group on Earth Observation, the Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America, the Pacific Islands Forum and the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 9.

Statements by non-governmental organizations [item 10]

The Conference resumed its consideration of agenda item 10.

The Conference heard statements by the representatives of the Non-Governmental Organizations Major Group, the Local Authorities Major Group, the Business and Industry Major Group, the Children and Youth Major Group, the Farmers and small forest landowners Major Group and the Indigenous Peoples Major Group.

The Conference thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 10.

High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3 "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together"

The Chair of the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue 3, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, opened the dialogue and made a statement.

A keynote address was delivered by His Excellency Anote Tong, President of the Republic of Kiribati.

The partnership dialogue was moderated by Ms. Veronica Pedrosa of Al Jazeera, who also made a statement.

The floor then was offered to the panellists, who made statements in the following order: Her Excellency Laila Iskander, Minister of Urban Development and Informal Settlements of Egypt; Her Excellency Fatimetou Abdel Malick, Mayor of Tevragh-Zeina, Mauritania; His Excellency Nicola Valluzzi, President of the province of Potenza, Italy; Mr. William Anthony Kirsopp Lake, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Mr. Carlos Kaiser Mansilla of ONG Inclusiva; and Ms. Josephine Basibas Castillo of DAMPA, a Civil Society Organization from the Philippines.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which statements were made by the representatives of the Maldives, Mexico, New Caledonia (associate member), Egypt, Japan, South Africa, Nepal, the Philippines and Ecuador.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Bank.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following civil society organizations: World Federation of the Deaf, Global Networking of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction, International Association of Applied Psychology and the Global Water Partnership.

Statements were made by representatives of the following Major Groups: Women; and Business and Industry.

The Moderator, the Chair and the panellists responded to comments made and questions raised during the interactive discussion.

The Chair, His Excellency Noel Arscott, Minister of Local Government and Community Development of Jamaica, declared the High-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogue on "Inclusive disaster risk management: Governments, communities and groups acting together" closed.

Ministerial round table 5 on "Public investment strategies for disaster risk reduction"

The Chair of round table 5, His Excellency Raed Arafat, Secretary of State of the Department of Emergency Situations of Romania, opened the round table and made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Tunisia, Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Egypt, Bangladesh, El Salvador, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Viet Nam, Bahrain, Tajikistan, Ghana, the Philippines, the United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Panama, Cabo Verde and Fiji.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the following intergovernmental organizations: the Association of Caribbean States (ACS) and the East African Community.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following entities of the United Nations system: the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Statements were also made by the representatives of the Japan Business Federation, Municipal Council of Nablus, State of Palestine, the Institute of Risk Management and Climate Change of Bogota, and "Youth Beyond Disasters" (a civil society organization).

The Chair declared the Ministerial round table 5 closed.

General information

More details on the information below are available in document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

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of the Conference and is on a subject in which the organization has a special competence. Copies of written statements shall not be made by the secretariat and the written statements shall not be issued as official documents of the Conference.

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